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**Ministry of
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Department of Transportation

Maritime Administration

Ship Disposal Program Office (MAR 610.3) Room 2122

Attn: Zoe Washnis

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Washington, DC 20590

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Dear Ms. Washnis;

RE: AMENDED - Cayman Islands application for the Kittiwake as an artificial reef

Enclosed please find our amended application to MARAD for the transfer of an Obsolete MARAD Vessel, the ex-USS Kittiwake. We have updated our application to MARAD as a foreign country applying for the donation transfer of an obsolete MARAD vessel.

We are working cooperatively to accomplish this worthwhile project with the Cayman Islands Tourism Association (CITA). Ms. Nancy Easterbrook, a Director of the CITA, has been appointed as the Project Manager for the day to day communications and needs of the project.

While this has been a long process, the Project Manager has confirmed that the enclosed updated application addresses all of the issues that MARAD identified in February 2006 as needed to complete this transaction. We hope that all matters arising will be in concurrence with your list of additional information required.

The Cayman Islands' private and public sectors have worked diligently to accomplish all of the additional requirements of MARAD, and believe that we are now in a firm position to move forward on this project. Representatives of appropriate Cayman Government departments have been consulted throughout this project, and will continue to provide input, management, guidelines and oversight throughout the preparation and sinking of the wreck.

We are excited at the opportunity to participate in this project and hope that our revised application will meet the criteria and be accepted as a first for a foreign Government transfer of a vessel for the purposes of artificial reefing. We are hopeful for a positive outcome before year end. Thank you kindly for your time and consideration of the enclosed.

Respectfully,



Gloria McField-Nixon
Permanent Secretary and Chief Officer

CC: Honourable Charles E. Clifford, Minister of Tourism, Environment, Investment and
Commerce
Ms. Karie Bergstrom, President of the Cayman Islands Tourism Association
Ms. Nancy Easterbrook, Project Manager, Kittiwake Project

Encl: Application to MARAD (Amended)